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Cal Poly Celebrates ‘The British Isles’ at its Wind Bands Spring Concert on June 7

SAN LUIS OBISPO — Cal Poly’s Spring Band Concert, “The British Isles,” is set for 8 p.m., Friday, June 7, in Harman Hall of the Performing Arts Center’s Christopher Cohan Center. The annual spring event features the university’s 65-member Wind Ensemble and 75-member Wind Orchestra performing original works for wind band.

The concert is the first event in a celebration of works written by some of the greatest British composers of the past 300 years, culminating with a performance tour of Ireland, England, and Scotland from June 17-30. The performance includes repertoire from all eras of British musical tradition, from the music of Henry Purcell and William Byrd to modern composers such as Philip Sparke and Kenneth Hesketh.

The Wind Orchestra will perform selections from “William Byrd Suite” by Gordon Jacob and “Danceries” by Kenneth Hesketh. The group will also perform Philip Sparke’s “Theatre Music” and Gustav Holst’s “Second Suite for Military Band.”

The Wind Ensemble will begin with a performance of Steven Stucky’s “Funeral Music for Queen Mary,” and “Jubilee Overture” by Philip Sparke. The ensemble will also perform “Gallimaufry” by Guy Woolfenden and close the concert with “Yiddish Dances” by Adam Gorb.

Director of Bands Andrew McMahan and Associate Director of Bands Christopher J. Woodruff will conduct the concert.

Tickets are \$12 and \$14 for the public and \$9 and \$12 for senior citizens and students. New pricing includes all Performing Arts Center fees. Event parking is sponsored by the PAC. Tickets are sold at the Performing Arts Ticket office between noon and 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. To order by phone, call SLO-4TIX (756-4849).

The Cal Poly Spring Band Concert is sponsored by Cal Poly’s College of Liberal Arts, Music Department, and Instructionally Related Activities program. For more information, call the Music Department at 805-756-2406.

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